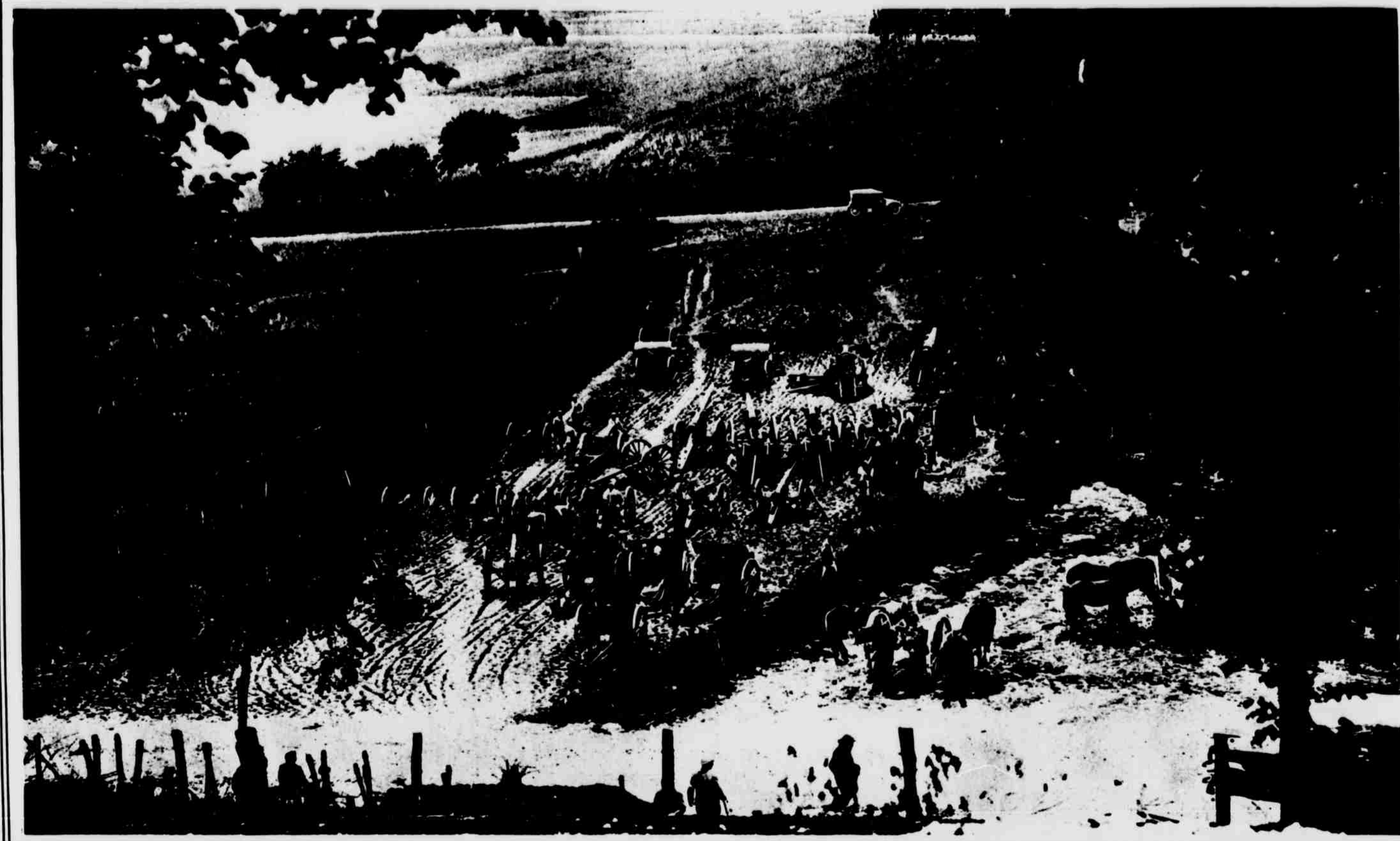


PEACE AND WAR, SO NEAR TOGETHER, YET SO FAR APART



Harvest time in a peaceful French countryside, within a few miles of the Somme trenches and reverberating with the roar of the great guns. Only the parked German cannon, captured in the recent British "shove," tell of the devastation near at hand.

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This was a similar scene, the once beautiful Bois le Pretre, until war's blight passed over it. The miles of "No Man's Land" between the trenches exhibit the same dull monotony of shattered landscape.

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War wreaks its vengeance on its own instruments of war, as witness this German 105 gun and its emplacement blown to pieces by French artillery fire



War's human wreckage in a French hospital. Just boys and the horror of it easily forgotten in the pride of the much prized decoration.

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